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STEADY GROWTH IN SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE

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HONG KONG'S SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE HAS GROWN STEADILY DURING THE PAST FEW DECADES AND NOW IT HAS OVER 110,000 PUPILS UNDER ITS CARE.

THE FIRST PROPERLY INTEGRATED SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE WAS INTRODUCED IN 1925 WITH A FULL-TIME MEDICAL OFFICER AND A SMALL NUMBER OF STAFF WORKING UNDER THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

THE TEAM THEN PROVIDED AN ANNUAL INSPECTION TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHILDREN IN 31 SCHOOLS, CONVENTS AND INSTITUTIONS.

SIX YEARS LATER, THE SERVICE WAS PLACED UNDER THE MEDICAL AUTHORITY AND MEDICAL OFFICERS WERE GAZETTED AS INSPECTORS OF SCHOOLS UNDER THE EDUCATION ORDINANCE. EVER SINCE, THE SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE HAS BEEN THE CONCERN OF BOTH THE EDUCATION AND MEDICAL AUTHORITIES.

STEADY PROGRESS CONTINUED TO BE MADE AS ADDITIONAL STAFF BECAME AVAILABLE, WHILE THE GOVERNMENT PRESSED AHEAD WITH PLANNING CLINICS IN SCHOOLS.

AFTER THE PACIFIC WAR THE GOVERNMENT RESTORED ITS WHOLLY OPERATED SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE, GRADUALLY EXTENDING ELIGIBILITY TO SUBSIDISED SCHOOLS AND FINALLY TO PRIVATE ONES.

THE SCHEME SUFFERED ITS SETBACK IN 1955 WHEN THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO SUSPEND THE SCHEME DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE HEAVY INFLUX OF REFUGEES WITH CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE AND AN UNUSUALLY HIGH BIRTH RATE SINCE THE END OF THE WAR.

THE ENROLMENT IN THE SERVICE AT THAT TIME WAS WELL OVER 50,000 PUPILS AS AGAINST THE SCHOOL POPULATION OF ABOUT 250,000. IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT TO KEEP PACE WITH THE DEMAND AN ADDITIONAL 75 MEDICAL OFFICERS AND A SAME NUMBER OF DENTISTS WITH SUPPORTING STAFF AND FACILITIES WOULD BE NEEDED.

IT WAS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT THE GOVERNMENT RELUCTANTLY FROZE THE SCHEME AND COMMISSIONED A STUDY OF ALTERNATIVE PLANS.

IN 1956 A WORKING PARTY WAS APPOINTED TO EXAMINE EXISTING FACILITIES IN THE LIGHT OF A PROPOSED SCHEME INVOLVING PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS. FOR VARIOUS REASONS THE GOVERNMENT WAS UNABLE TO ACCEPT ALL THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE 1956 WORKING PARTY.

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AFTER FURTHER YEARS OF STUDY, THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE PROVISIONAL ADVISORY BOARD WAS APPOINTED IN 1962 TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE TO INVOLVE PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS.

IN 1964 THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE BOARD WAS FORMALLY CONSTITUTED AS AN INDEPENDENT STATUTORY BODY.

SINCE THEN, THE SCHOOL MEDICAL SERVICE HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY POPULAR AND ENROLMENT ROSE AT AN AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF FIVE PER CENT A YEAR IN THE PAST FIVE YEARS TO MORE THAN 110,000 PUPILS FROM ABOUT 740 SCHOOLS.

MORE THAN 200 PRIVATE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE SCHEME WITH EACH ENROLLED PUPIL PAYING ONLY \$5 A YEAR AND THE GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTING \$30 PER PUPIL.

THE SCHEME, DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ECONOMICAL MEDICAL TREATMENT TO SCHOOL CHILDREN FROM PRIMARY 1 TO FORM 3 IS TO COMPLEMENT THE EXTENSIVE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

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MTR COMPENSATION FURTHER IMPROVED TO OVERCOME HARDSHIP  
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THE GOVERNMENT, TO HELP EASE FINANCIAL HARDSHIP CAUSED TO SHOP OPERATORS AND OTHER BUSINESSES BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY, HAS INTRODUCED A NEW COMPENSATION SCHEME TO OFFSET BUSINESS LOSSES.

ANNOUNCING THIS TODAY, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THIS WOULD ALLOW BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OR TEMPORARY ALTERATION OF A STREET TO MAKE PERIODIC OR STAGED CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION ON AN EX-GRATIA BASIS WHILE WORK IS IN PROGRESS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WAS BEING INTRODUCED BECAUSE THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE ONLY ALLOWS BUSINESSES TO MAKE ONE CLAIM FOR LOSSES AND PREVENTS THEM FROM MAKING CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ESTIMATED FUTURE LOSSES.

+DESPITE THE INTRODUCTION OF AN ADVANCE COMPENSATION SCHEME IN 1976, IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT A FURTHER SCHEME IS REQUIRED TO ENABLE SHOP OPERATORS SUFFERING HARDSHIP TO MAKE PERIODIC CLAIMS,+ HE SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN STRESSED THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENT APPLIES ONLY TO PECUNIARY LOSSES AS SET OUT IN ITEM FOUR OF PART I OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE OF THE MASS TRANSIT RAILWAY (LAND RESUMPTION AND RELATED PROVISIONS) ORDINANCE AND THAT ALL PAYMENTS WOULD BE EX-GRATIA BECAUSE THEY FELL OUTSIDE THE TERMS OF THE ORDINANCE.

BUSINESSES WISHING TO MAKE CLAIMS FOR PERIODIC PAYMENTS SHOULD SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.

INFORMATION SUPPORTING EACH CLAIM SHOULD BE THE SAME AS THAT SET OUT IN SECTION 21(1) OF THE ORDINANCE.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CLAIMS WOULD NORMALLY ONLY BE ACCEPTED FROM BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY CONSTRUCTION WORK FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS.

HOWEVER, CLAIMS MIGHT BE CONSIDERED, AT THE GOVERNMENT'S DISCRETION, IF THEY WERE MADE FOR A SHORTER PERIOD WHICH ENDED A FINANCIAL YEAR AND WHICH WERE SUPPORTED BY ACCOUNTS MADE UP TO THAT DATE.

COMPENSATION PAID UNDER THE NEW ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN ASSESSING ANY FUTURE STATUTORY CLAIM AND CLAIMANTS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SIGN AN UNDETAKING AUTHORISING A DEDUCTION OF ANY EX-GRATIA PAYMENT.

BUSINESS OPERATORS REQUIRING FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT SHOULD CONTACT THE NEAREST CITY DISTRICT OFFICE OR IN THE CASE OF TSUEN WAN, THE TSUEN WAN DISTRICT OFFICE.

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CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE PROVIDES GUIDANCE TO  
TEACHERS

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SCHOOL TEACHERS CAN OBTAIN GUIDANCE AND ADVICE CONCERNING THE TEACHING OF CHINESE LANGUAGE AT THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

THE CENTRE, WHICH WAS SET UP IN 1974, WORKS HAND IN HAND WITH THE CHINESE SECTION OF THE DEPARTMENT TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' PROFICIENCY IN CHINESE LANGUAGE.

REFRESHER COURSES AND SEMINARS ARE ORGANISED REGULARLY BY THE CENTRE FOR IN-SERVICE TEACHERS AT ITS TWO OFFICES IN BONHAM ROAD AND MA TAU KOK GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

THESE GATHERINGS AIM TO HELP TEACHERS DEVELOP EFFECTIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES AS WELL AS TO HELP THEM GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SUBJECT AND THE SYLLABUS.

THE CENTRE ORGANISED 57 CLASSES IN 1976/77 FOR 1,964 TEACHERS. IN 1977/78, 55 CLASSES WERE HELD WITH AN ATTENDANCE OF 2,098.

WORKSHOPS ARE ALSO ORGANISED FOR TEACHERS WHO HAVE COMPLETED THE REFRESHER COURSES SO THAT THEY CAN DEVISE PROJECTS TO BE TRIED OUT IN CLASS.

THE CENTRE ALSO ACTS AS A RESOURCE CENTRE TO COLLECT TEACHING METHODS AND MATERIAL, AND TO ADAPT THEM TO SUIT HONG KONG STUDENTS.

IN THIS CONNECTION, A TEACHING PACKAGE HAS RECENTLY BEEN JOINTLY DESIGNED BY THE CENTRE AND THE INFORMATION SERVICES DEPARTMENT TO HELP TEACHERS WITH THE TEACHING OF CHINESE IN LOWER PRIMARY CLASSES.

THE PACKAGE CONTAINS SUPPLEMENTARY READING SHEETS, A TEACHER'S HANDBOOK AND A SERIES OF COLOURED PICTURES THAT ARE SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO FEATURE EVENTS AND OBJECTS FAMILIAR TO HONG KONG STUDENTS.

TEACHERS CAN VISIT THE DISPLAY ROOMS AT THE CENTRE'S TWO OFFICES WHERE TEACHING AIDS, SUCH AS COLOUR SLIDES AND TAPES, ARE EXHIBITED.

IN ADDITION, A LANGUAGE LABORATORY AND A RECORDING ROOM ARE BEING SET UP AT THE KOWLOON OFFICE.

THE CHINESE SECTION SENDS INSPECTORS REGULARLY TO SCHOOLS TO GIVE ADVICE AND TO CARRY OUT EXPERIMENTAL PROJECTS WITH THE HELP OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS.

A CHINESE SUPPLEMENTARY READING SCHEME WAS SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED BY THE SECTION RECENTLY IN BELILIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL AND CLEMENTI MIDDLE SCHOOL.

A JOINT EXHIBITION OF THE TEACHING MATERIAL USED IN THE SCHEME WAS HELD LAST JULY AND WAS VISITED BY MORE THAN 500 SECONDARY SCHOOL TEACHERS.

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IN ADDITION, THE SECTION REGULARLY ISSUES PAMPHLETS FREE OF CHARGE TO TEACHERS TO KEEP THEM INFORMED OF NEW TRENDS IN TEACHING AND TO HELP THEM IN SELECTING TEXTBOOKS AND TEACHING MATERIAL.

A BOOKLET ENTITLED +BULLETIN OF CHINESE STUDIES+ IS PUBLISHED REGULARLY TO ALLOW TEACHERS TO EXCHANGE THEIR EXPERIENCES AND VIEWPOINTS.

THE SECTION IS ALSO INVOLVED IN REVIEWING CHINESE TEXTBOOKS WITH THE AIM TO COMPILE A RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST FOR SCHOOLS. IT ALSO PROVIDES A GUIDELINE TO PUBLISHERS TO HELP THEM IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF TEXTBOOKS.

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EXPERT FROM U.K. TO CONDUCT PHYSIOTHERAPY COURSE HERE

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A BRITISH EXPERT IN PHYSIOTHERAPY IS IN HONG KONG AT THE INVITATION OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A +PHYSICAL FACILITATION+ COURSE AT THE DEPARTMENT'S PHYSIOTHERAPIST TRAINING SCHOOL.

SHE IS MISS A.J. GUYMER, WHO IS THE CLINICAL TUTOR AT THE WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL IN LONDON WITH MORE THAN 20 YEARS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN THE SPECIALISED FIELD OF PHYSIOTHERAPY.

THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO SECURE MISS GUYMER'S EXPERT SERVICE THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH FUND FOR TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION.

MISS GUYMER WILL SPEND FOUR MONTHS HERE TEACHING OUR PHYSIOTHERAPISTS THE MODERN TECHNIQUES OF PHYSICAL FACILITATION WHICH WILL HELP PATIENTS RECOVERY FULLY IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME.

ONE OF HER MAIN ASSIGNMENTS IS TO ASSESS THE NEED FOR IMPROVED PHYSICAL FACILITATION AND TO TEACH A UNIFIED SYSTEM OF MANAGEMENT FOR ACUTE CONDITIONS, FOLLOWED BY INTENSIVE THERAPY THROUGH TO CONTINUING SELF-CARE.

SIXTEEN PHYSIOTHERAPISTS FROM GOVERNMENT AND SUBVENTED HOSPITALS WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS TRAINING COURSE. THEY HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY A SELECTION PANEL ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR TEACHING ABILITY, ADAPTABILITY AND GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE.

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'TENDER' TREATMENT FOR CROWN LAND  
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A NEW TENDERING SYSTEM IS MAKING SOME VALUABLE CROWN LAND SITES AVAILABLE TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR ON SHORT-TERM TENANCIES.

SINCE THE NEW SYSTEM WAS INTRODUCED IN APRIL SEVEN SITES HAVE BEEN LET BY TENDER IN A NUMBER OF PRIME LOCATIONS.

THESE HAVE INCLUDED A 2,416-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT THE JUNCTION OF HOI YUEN AND SHING YIP STREET, KWUN TONG= A 4,200-SQUARE-METRE SITE AT PAK TIN STREET, SHEK KIP MEI AND 350 SQUARE METRES IN NEW MARKET STREET, CENTRAL.

THE ACTING GOVERNMENT LAND AGENT, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, MR. D.M. SCOTT-WILL, SAID THAT THE NEW METHOD OF DISPOSING OF CROWN LAND ON SHORT-TERM TENANCIES HAD BEEN WORKING SMOOTHLY FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

+SO FAR WE HAVE LET SEVEN SITES BRINGING A TOTAL OF ABOUT \$3 MILLION TO GOVERNMENT REVENUE,+ SAID MR. SCOTT-WILL.

+THE IDEA IS TO UTILISE LAND THAT HAS BEEN EARMARKED FOR SOME PERMANENT USE, BUT WILL NOT BE REQUIRED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

+THIS WAY THE SUCCESSFUL TENDERER CAN HAVE THE BENEFIT OF THE LAND FOR STORAGE PURPOSES, AND THE GOVERNMENT DERIVES SOME INCOME.

+THE TENANCIES ARE FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS, AND THEREAFTER QUARTERLY. USUALLY THE MINIMUM PERIOD A COMPANY CAN EXPECT TO HAVE USE OF THE LAND IS 15 MONTHS, BUT CERTAIN SITES MAY BE AVAILABLE TO THEM FOR A LONGER PERIOD,+ HE SAID.

MR. SCOTT-WILL ADDED THAT THE USE OF THE LAND WAS RESTRICTED TO STORAGE AND SIMILAR PURPOSES, AND SITES ALREADY LET WERE NOW BEING USED TO STORE A VARIETY OF ITEMS, INCLUDING BUILDING MATERIALS, SCRAP METAL, AND NEW VEHICLES.

HE ALSO SAID THAT USUALLY SINGLE-STOREY TEMPORARY STRUCTURES WERE ALLOWED ON UP TO 50 PER CENT OF THE AREA.

THE NEXT SITE TO BE OFFERED IS 6,000 SQUARE METRES AT YUET LUN STREET, LAI CHI KOK WHICH ALSO HAS A MARINE FRONTAGE.

OTHER SITES BECOMING AVAILABLE DURING THE NEXT FEW MONTHS INCLUDE HARBOUR ROAD, WAN CHAI= NING FOO STREET, CHAI WAN AND AN AREA ON KOWLOON BAY RECLAMATION.

MR. SCOTT-WILL SAID THAT ALL THE SITES WOULD BE ADVERTISED IN THE ENGLISH AND CHINESE NEWSPAPERS, BUT THAT IF ANY COMPANY WAS INTERESTED THEY COULD BE PLACED ON THE CROWN LANDS AND SURVEY OFFICE'S MAILING LIST AND WOULD BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE AVAILABILITY OF SITES THROUGHOUT HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

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VOLUNTEERS CLEAN UP REMOTE NT BEACH

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THE KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN MESSAGE SPREAD TO THE REMOTE PART OF THE NEW TERRITORIES TODAY (SUNDAY) WHEN A GROUP OF 150 ENTHUSIASTIC VOLUNTEERS CLEARED UP THE PICNIC SPOTS ON TUNG PING CHAU.

THE OPERATION BEGAN AT 9 A.M. WHEN THE CLEANING PARTY -- COMPRISING MEMBERS OF THE JUNIOR POLICE CALL, AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CLUBS AND STAFF OF THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT -- WAS TAKEN TO TUNG PING CHAU BY ARMY CRAFT.

ON ARRIVAL, THE PARTY HEADED BY MR. WONG CHUN-WAI, CHAIRMAN OF THE SAI KUNG NORTH RURAL COMMITTEE AND CHAIRMAN OF THE TAI PO SIX DISTRICTS KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN CAMPAIGN ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND MR. ANTHONY COOPER, ASSISTANT TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICER, IMMEDIATELY GOT DOWN TO WORK. THEY WERE JOINED BY MEMBERS OF THE RURAL SERVICE GROUP OF HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCASTS LIMITED.

A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF LITTER WAS COLLECTED IN THE SIX-HOUR CLEAN-UP.

IN APPRECIATION OF THE EFFORTS OF THE PARTICIPANTS, THE ORGANISERS TREATED THEM TO A LUNCH ON THE BEACH.

THE OPERATION IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF +KEEP YOUR DISTRICT CLEAN+ ACTIVITIES ORGANISED JOINTLY BY THE TAI PO SIX DISTRICT KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN ORGANISING COMMITTEE, THE TAI PO DISTRICT OFFICE AND THE URBAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT'S TAI PO OFFICE.

THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE, MR. WONG YUN-WING SAID TODAY THE ISLAND WAS CHOSEN TO START THIS SERIES OF CLEAN-UPS BECAUSE OF ITS GROWING POPULARITY AS A SCENIC PICNIC SPOT FOR HOLIDAY-MAKERS.

+THIS DISTRICT-WIDE DRIVE IS TO PUBLICISE THE CLEAN HONG KONG MESSAGE, AND WE HOPE THAT THROUGH ORGANISED ACTIVITIES WE CAN AROUSE THE PUBLIC'S AWARENESS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP THE ENVIRONMENT CLEAN.+ MR. WONG SAID.

THESE ACTIVITIES INCLUDE A POSTER DESIGN COMPETITION, AN ESSAY CONTEST AND KEEP BUILDINGS AND SHOPS CLEAN COMPETITIONS. INITIAL RESPONSE FROM THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN VERY ENCOURAGING.

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10TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAS CADET CORPS

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THE SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION, MR. LI FOOK-KOW, SAID TODAY THE WORK OF THE CIVIL AID SERVICES CADET CORPS, NOW WITH MORE THAN 1,800 MEMBERS, IS INDEED MEANINGFUL TO HONG KONG.

SPEAKING AT THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE OF THE C.A.S. CADET CORPS AT THE VICTORIA PARK, MR. LI SAID THAT IN COMMUNITY SERVICES, THE CADETS HAVE ASSISTED IN FLAG-DAYS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS, HELPED THE MEDICAL STAFF OF OUR LADY MARYKNOLL HOSPITAL IN NURSING CARE WITHIN THE WARDS AND PROVIDED CROWD CONTROL SERVICE FOR THE COMMUNITY CHEST'S WALKS FOR A MILLION.

IN ADDITION, HE SAID, THERE ARE OTHER OUTSTANDING SERVICES SUCH AS REGULAR VISITS TO HOMES FOR THE AGED, ORGANISING OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED AND PARTICIPATING IN THE HILL FIRE PREVENTION, KEEP HONG KONG CLEAN AND FIGHT CRIME CAMPAIGNS.

+PARTICULARLY IMPRESSIVE ARE THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE CADETS TO THE POLICE IN THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER AND THE CADETS' ENTHUSIASM IN SERVING THE COMMUNITY,+ HE SAID.

MR. LI COMPLIMENTED ALL C.A.S. CADETS FOR WORKING DILIGENTLY AND TAKING AN ACTIVE PART IN C.A.S. ACTIVITIES.

HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A WIDE RANGE OF COURSES AND ACTIVITIES ARE ORGANISED FOR THE CADETS TO ENABLE THEM TO LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES AND BE OF ASSISTANCE TO OTHERS.

EARLIER MR. LI TOOK THE SALUTE FROM THE CADETS ON PARADE.

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT VICTORIA PARK TODAY ALSO INCLUDED DEMONSTRATIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE C.A.S. CADET CORPS AND A VARIETY SHOW.

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TWO MORE INDUSTRIAL SITES FOR SALE AT TUEN MUN  
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THE GOVERNMENT IS TO SELL TWO MORE INDUSTRIAL/GODOWN SITES IN TUEN MUN IN THE SAME AREA OF THE INDUSTRIAL SITE WHICH WAS SOLD LAST WEEK.

THE TWO SITES -- ONE MEASURING 1,813 SQUARE METRES AND THE OTHER 3,695 SQUARE METRES -- WILL BE SOLD BY TENDER TO HOLDERS OF LAND EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS ISSUED BY THE NEW TERRITORIES ADMINISTRATION.

THE SENIOR ESTATE SURVEYOR OF THE TUEN MUN DISTRICT OFFICE, MR. VICTOR LEUNG, SAID TODAY THAT LAST WEEK'S AUCTION, AT WHICH A SIMILAR SITE WAS SOLD FOR \$45.5 MILLION, HAD AROUSED A GREAT DEAL OF INTEREST AMONG HOLDERS OF EXCHANGE ENTITLEMENTS.

+THE TWO SITES ARE JUST NEAR THE LOT SOLD BY AUCTION AND WILL FORM PART OF THE GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA.+

TENDERS FOR THE SMALLER SITE WILL CLOSE ON NOVEMBER 17, WHILE THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE SECOND SITE IS NOVEMBER 24.

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TUEN MUN FESTIVAL OPENS TOMORROW

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THE SECRETARY FOR THE NEW TERRITORIES, MR. DAVID AKERS-JONES WILL OFFICIATE AT THE OPENING OF THE FIRST TUEN MUN FESTIVAL TOMORROW (MONDAY).

THE WEEK-LONG FESTIVAL WILL START AT 9 P.M. AT TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND ON TUEN MUN HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD AND END WITH A GRAND CARNIVAL ON NOVEMBER 12.

THOUSANDS OF TUEN MUN RESIDENTS, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND RURAL LEADERS WILL ATTEND THE FESTIVAL WHICH IS ORGANISED WITH THE AIM OF BUILDING UP THE COMMUNITY OF TUEN MUN TO INSTIL A STRONGER SENSE OF BELONGING.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING TOMORROW WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A VARIETY SHOW FEATURING POPULAR ARTISTS FROM TELEVISION BROADCASTS LTD. OTHER PROGRAMMES OF THE FESTIVAL INCLUDE A SERIES OF CONCERTS BY THE HONG KONG YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE HONG KONG CHINESE ORCHESTRA AND THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE BRASS BAND.

THERE WILL ALSO BE DRAMA AND DANCING PERFORMANCES, A FILM SHOW, FOOTBALL MATCHES AND VARIOUS COMPETITIONS. AT THE SAME TIME A +TUEN MUN ART EXHIBITION '78+ WILL BE HELD DAILY FROM TOMORROW TO NOVEMBER 11 AT THE HOH FUK TONG COLLEGE IN TUEN MUN.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO COVER THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE TUEN MUN FESTIVAL TOMORROW AT 9 P.M. AT THE TUEN MUN PLAYGROUND ON HEUNG SZE WUI ROAD.

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